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This book, written by three women who have recently completed doctoral degrees, attempts to provide an honest, humorous, and useful guide to the realities of the doctoral dissertation process. Advice is included from students and graduates of both genders, all ages, varied ethnic groups, and many disciplines and universities in diverse parts of the country. The five chapters of Part 1 are on dissertation content and process. They address the following topics: writing the doctoral proposal, choosing a methodology, selecting committee members, surviving the human subjects committee, and collecting data. Part 2 offers secrets for maintaining sanity and good humor. Chapters discuss developing a support group, getting organized, using technology, defending the dissertation, and avoiding sudden stops. Four appendices include a list of action words to introduce quotes, a checklist of items for possible inclusion in a research proposal, a statistical decision tree, and a list of active verbs. (Contains 30 references.) (DB)

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